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PRICE 2½ PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

INTIMATIONS.

FOR SALE.

ARRIVALS.
August 14, GERDA, German steamer, 340, E. Erichsen, Quinon 11th August, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

August 14, SIGNAL, German steamer, 385, Hungwad, Pakhoi 16th August, and Holoway, 17th, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

August 14, CATERPILLAR, British steamer, 1,106, H. Craig, Sydney and Australian Ports 10th July, and Singapore 9th August, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

August 15, TANAKA, French steamer, 1,361, A. Paul, Yokohama 9th August, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

August 15, IPIGENIA, German s.s., 1,059, F. Ahrens, Shanghai and Foochow 13th Aug., Tea and General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

August 15, PEACE, British s.s., 705, Monk, Singapore 8th August, Iaco, &—BUN HIN & Co.

August 15, YANGTZE, British steamer, 784, Schultz, Whampoa 16th August, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

August 15, CHENG HOCK KIAN, British s.s., 956, Webb, Penang 3rd August, Singapore 6th, and Hobon 13th, General.—BUN HIN & Co.

August 15, DE BAY, British steamer, 1,100, J. Lee, Sydney 21st July, Moreton Bay 23d, Townsville 27th, Cooktown 28th, and Thursday Island 1st August, Coles.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

August 15, CHEUNG HOOK KIAN, British s.s., 956, Webb, Penang 3rd August, Singapore 6th, and Hobon 13th, General.—BUN HIN & Co.

August 15, TAITOS, German steamer, 1,340, A. Blaicker, Saigon 11th August, General.—EN. SCHELLHORN & Co.

August 15, EUPHRATES, British steamer, 1,300, Mitchell, Swan 14th August, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

August 15, FOOKSANG, British steamer, 990, Hoff, Shanghai 12th August, General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

August 15, FURUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Orend, Shanghai 12th August, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 15, FIRELAND, British gunboat, D. L. Dickson, Nagasaki 8th August.

August 15, GAMORANSHIRE, British steamer, 1,482, D. Williams, from Whampoa, Balast—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

August 16, HAI-TUNG-HUNG, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

August 15, KWANGLER, Am. s.s., 1,007, Andrew, from Whampoa, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

August 16, LUCKY, French corv., Buge, Shanghai 13th August.

August 16, CHUP-CHUNG, Chinese g.-bt, from Swatow 15th August.

August 16, MILTON, British steamer, 149, Swatow 15th August, Ballast—CHINESE.

August 16, AGAMENON, British steamer, 1,622, J. Wilding, Shanghai 8th August, and Foochow 15th, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

August 16, EBSA, German steamer, 552, Chas. Kassner, Haiphong 15th August, General.—A. B. MARTY.

August 16, ATHOLL, British steamer, 923, R. W. Thomson, Amoy 13th August, and Swatow 15th, General.—BUN HIN & Co.

August 16, PRIMAUGET, French corv., Buge, Shanghai 13th August.

August 16, TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, Jordan, Banjuk 8th August, General.—YUN FAT HONG.

August 16, CHUP-CHUNG, Chinese g.-bt, from Swatow 15th August.

August 16, GULF OF SWED, British s.s., 1,014, H. Law, Chinkiang 15th August, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

August 16, EDWARD MAY, American bark, 888, C. A. Johnson, New York 16th April, Petroleum—RUSSELL & Co.

August 16, GULF OF SWED, British s.s., 1,014, H. Law, Chinkiang 15th August, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

August 16, COMPTON, British steamer, 1,186, J. T. Cox, Antwerp 24th June, and Singapore 8th August, General.—MELCHERS & Co.

August 16, VELCORT, British bark, 490, R. Martin, Nuchwang 23rd July, Beans—CHINESE.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

ORDINARY HALF-EARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Corporation will be held at the CHIN HALL, Hongkong, on the 24th August, 1885, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1885.

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EXTRACT.

A LESSON TO LOVERS.
She, with a milk-pail over her arm,
Turns aside with her young cheeks glowing,
And sees down the lane the slow, dull tread,
Of the drove of cows that are homeward going.
"Bosom," he said; at the sound she turned,
Her blue eyes full of childlike wonder,
"My mother is feeble, and lame, and old;
I need a wife at my farmhouse's door."
"My heart is lonely, my home is drear,
I need your presence over me now;
Will you be my guardian angel, dear?
Queen of my household, to guide and cheer me?"

"It has a pleasant sound," she said.

"A homely queen, a grunting spirit,
To warm your heart and cheer your home,
And keep the sunbeams over her!"

But I am only a simple child,

So my mother says in the daily chiding,

And what want a rustic angel to?"

When she first began her words of guiding?"

"Well, first, dear Bosie, a smiling face

Is dearer far than the rare beauty,

And my mother, frugal, lame and old,

Will require a daughter's loving duty;

Give her your cheerful sorries, dea!"

The Lord he loves a cheerful giver."

"You will see that the breakfast is piping hot,

And rub the cloth to a snowy whiteness;

Make golden butter and snowy rolls;

And polish things to a shining brightness;

Will darn my stockings and mend my coats;

And see that the buttons are sewn on tightly;

You will keep things cheerful and not sweet,

"Chamber's Journal.

onians will scent a neighbourhood." A Chicago hotel-keeper recently had a man arrested for stealing a cake of soap. The man pleaded in extenuation of his offence that he wanted it for his collection of curiosities, it being the first cake of soap he had ever discovered in a Chicago hotel. "I'm from Mr. Brown, you know—gentleman what lives across the way. He says: 'Won't you please shut them windows, when the young lady's a-playing?'" But I thought Mr. Brown was musical; himself?" "That's the reason, man." At a party, a young lady began a song, "The autumn days have come, ten thousand leaves are falling." She began too high. "Ten thousand," she screeched, and stopped. "Start her at five thousand," cried an auctioneer present. "A lady in a registry office observed: "I am afraid that that little girl won't do, for a nurse; she is too small." I should hesitate to trust her with the baby." Clerk: "Her size, madam, we look upon her greatest recommendation." Lady: "Indeed? But she is so very small!" Clerk: "I know that she is diminutive; but you should remember that when she drops a baby, it doesn't have very far to fall." A physician, much attached to his profession and his own skill, during his attendance on a man of letters, observing that the patient was very punctual in taking all his medicines and following his rules, exclaimed in all the pride of his heart: "Ah, my dear sir, you deserve to be ill!" None of these, however, may be said to match the following. "My dea!" said a husband in startling tones, after awaking his wife in the night, "I have swallowed a dose of strichnine!" "Well, then, for goodness' sake still, or it may come up."—Chamber's Journal.

LOST HIS WAGER.

M. de Sartine, the lieutenant-general of police under Louis XV., was said to have brought the spy system to such perfection that one-half of France spied on the other half. He once on a large wager from a nobleman who thought he could baffle the chief of police, M. de Sartine was requiring one night that nobody could leave or enter Paris without his knowing it.

The Duke de Cheverny, who was present, undertook to come to Paris and spend a week there without the lieutenant-general being aware of the witer, and he backed this bet by a sum of a thousand louis.

M. de Sartine took the bet, and the Duke was allowed two years in which to win his wager if he could. During this time the Duke frequently came to Paris all sorts of disguised and under a variety of names, but no success had he notched at an in that he received a note from the lieutenant-general complimenting him upon his arrival.

At last the Duke came into Paris disguised as a decrepit old woman selling apples, but had scarcely hobled through the gates when a man touched his hat and handed him a letter, in which M. de Sartine begged him to honour of his company at dinner, disguised and all.

The Duke paid his wager, but he was so much mortified that he dismissed all his servants, and from that time would not keep any man or woman in his employment for more than three months at a time.

MORAL.

Young man, be advised, when you've chosen your bride, Don't be too explicit until the knot's tied. You are very much safer, no matter how rich, To talk only of "angels" and "atmos," and such. Young woman, I tell you, on sober reflection, There are things that won't bear too close an inspection; The most fitting dress for a young bride to wear, Is a robe of "Hillocks" preserved with great care. —Chicago Tribune.

THE ORIGIN OF BOTTLED BEER. One of the London evening papers revives a good story as to the origin of bottled beer, which has a certain interest. One Dr. Novel, well known to school boys of an earlier generation, for his dry Latin Catechism—a dozen of St. Paul's, possessed a country retreat called Rendall, near Chertsey. There he kept for safety on the outbreak of the Maria Theresa persecution. One day he had gone fishing, taking with him a nuptial bottle of ale, which he had in the hollow trunk of a tree. While engaged in his piscatorial pastime intelligence was brought to him that the pursuers were on his track. Inconveniently he fled, and spent several years in hiding. When Elizabeth ascended the throne he returned to England, and made his way down to his country residence. The recollection of the bottle of beer flashed one day across his mind. He went to the tree where he had hid it, and to his great surprise found it still there. He took out the cork and cautiously tasted the liquid. It was beer. He rushed home and had every empty pitcher, jar, and bottle that could be found filled with honest English ale. The secret spread amongst his neighbours, and bottled beer became an institution in the country. Dr. Novel was a benefactor to his race, and the memory of his discovery ought to be kept alive by the municipal authorities of Chertsey, either in their crest or coat of arms—stone bottle ornament and collegiate cap or.

AMUSING BREVITIES.

Never was a time when brevity was more the fashion and more constantly insisted upon than at present. As an American paper says, we insist that all art, literature, and all emotions shall be brief. It is the age of epigram. We are reminded that it is harder for a woman to hold her tongue than for a man to hold a baby; that in a game of cards a good deal depends on good playing, and good playing depends on a good deal. Not a bad answer was made by a sportsman returning from the marshes, when asked if he had shot anything. "No," he said; "but I have given the birds a good serenading." "Yes, sir," said Jenkins.

"Smither is a man who keeps his word; but then he has to." "How is that?" asked Jones. "Because no one will take it." "Mercy me! what are those horrible sounds upstairs?" "Oh, that is nothing but dear George. I suppose he has lost his collar-stud again." The art of condensation was evidently studied by the journalist who reported: "A coloured gentleman went into a blacksmith's shop with his coat-tail full of powder. He came out through the roof." This reminds us of—A quarryman said he couldn't see any danger in smoking while he was handling powder. He can't see anything now. A poor American who complained that he was like the moon—al last his last "quarter"—was as witty as the man who advertised a clock for sale which kept time like a tax-gatherer. A good advertisement appeared on a sign in the Far West: "Here's where you get a meal like your mother used to give you." But for graphic illustration of the *medium* in *paroxysm*, what could beat the sign of the travelling dentist in the United States, which bore the startling announcement, "Bull pukin'?" Nothing makes a bald-headed man madder than to be accused of never cleaning the hairs out of the comb, says an American; and an old darker observed that "a man would be a better bettor off if he was as particular about his whisky he drinks as he is about de water." Somewhat satirical is the announcement that there is a man in New York who manufactures diamonds for prostitutes to wear. They are sold at a hundred a quart. There is a good deal of quiet humour in the few lines in which a certain paper commented on political affairs: "The scarcity of new hats in the streets shows that very little interest was taken in the election." Another humorist observes: "It takes eight hundred full-blown roses to make a table-spoonful of perfume; whilst a shilling's-worth of cooked ham is a pint.

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